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**TO:** Medicare-Medicaid Plans in Texas  
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**SUBJECT:** Texas-Specific Quality Withhold Technical Notes for Demonstration Years 2 through 6

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce the release of the Demonstration Years (DY) 2 through 6 state-specific quality withhold technical notes for the Texas Dual Eligible Integrated Care Project, a capitated model demonstration under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative. The document provides additional details and benchmarks for the state-specific quality withhold measures that Texas Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) are responsible for under the demonstration. We are releasing this updated version to include DY 6; no other changes were made to the state-specific quality withhold measures.

Note that the state-specific measures directly supplement the [Medicare-Medicaid Capitated Financial Alignment Model CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes for DY 2 through 8](#) released on July 29, 2020. Please refer to the CMS Core Quality Withhold Technical Notes and accompanying memorandum for information about the overall quality withhold methodology, including guidance regarding COVID-19 impacts.

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